

THE WEATHER

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GERMAN ATTACKS FAIL
Germans Now Hold Only Small Angle of the Fort of Douaumont.

PARIS, May 23.—Fighting continued with extreme violence on both banks of the Meuse along the Verdun front during the whole night. Two German counter attacks on French positions on hill 304 failed completely, the war office announced today.

The French made further gains within Fort Douaumont. The Germans now hold only a small angle on the northeastern corner of the fort.

The battle around hill 304 was especially severe. In attacking French positions on the west side of the hill the Germans used liquid gas, the official statement says, and penetrated one of the French trenches, but were dislodged at once. On the east side of the hill the Germans attacked after intense artillery preparation but were not permitted to reach the French line.

The principal fighting east of the Meuse was in the sector between Thiaumont and Douaumont. The Germans attacked in massed formation and are said to have suffered enormous losses. They succeeded in recapturing one of the trenches north of Thiaumont farm, which had been captured by the French.

Fort Recaptured.
Recapture by the French after three months of the greater part of Fort Douaumont, which was taken by the Germans at the outset of their Verdun drive, is received with great elation by the press and the public, the more so on account of the effect it is expected to have on neutral opinion. General Nivelle, the French commander at Verdun, took advantage of the fact that the German's recently have been concentrating all their attention on Dead Man hill on the other side of the river and assembled a large amount of artillery for the attack on Douaumont sector.

On Sunday General Nivelle began a heavy artillery attack on Fort Douaumont and adjacent positions. The hour fixed for the infantry assault was 4:30 p. m. yesterday. When the moment came French infantry, which had been carefully selected and trained, began the advance singing the "Marseillaise."

Stubborn Resistance.
The German resistance at some points was stubborn. On the Froide Terre road and at Douaumont the French had to force back the German infantry inch by inch at the point of bayonets. The leading French contingent reached Douaumont at 5 p. m. They killed the Germans who resisted and sent to the rear a large number of prisoners.

As soon as they recovered from their surprise the Germans launched a number of fierce counter attacks, but all failed, and by 10 p. m. preparations had been made to deal with the serious effort the Germans are expected to make to recapture the lost position.

German Line Shaken.
The French success is considered by military critics here to have shaken the whole German line at Verdun. Douaumont fort was the most important point captured by the Germans and the French gain there is regarded as having nullified the most significant achievement of the Germans in the great battle of three months.

To the west of the Meuse hill 295, the western summit of Dead Man hill, has become no man's land like Hartmanns-Wierkopf. Once before the French abandoned it temporarily to avoid useless loss, recapturing it when the opportunity came.

AEROPLANES

For Field Service in the Mexican Campaign Arrive at Columbus, N. M.

COLUMBUS, N. M., May 23.—The new 160-horse power aeroplanes arrived here today and military aviators began preparing them for field service. General Pershing, having made repeated pleas for machines for scouting purposes.

Eighteen cars of food and forage shipped over the Mexico and North-western railroad reached the American command at Casas Grandes yesterday, according to reports here. This, with the despatch of an engineer company to repair roads below Colonia Dublan, was taken here as supporting the contention that for present no general withdrawal of the expeditionary command is contemplated.

FLECKS IS RELEASED.

Major Flecks, the hotel porter of Glen Elk, who was jailed Saturday night in connection with Askan Lawton robbery three months ago in this hotel, has been released under his own recognizance at the instance of the prosecuting attorney to appear as a witness at the trial of Homer Roy, charged with the robbery.

TOBOGGAN

Company of This City is among Those Just Granted State Charters.

CHARLESTON, May 23.—Certificates of incorporation have been issued by the secretary of state to the following concerns, which will operate under the laws of West Virginia. The Tilley-Reimann Iron Works, of Sistersville; chief works, Hanford City, Tyler county; authorized capital, \$50,000; incorporators: James G. Tilley, F. Ad Reinmann, John Kinkair, W. J. Neuenschwander, David E. Thoonen, Harry H. Work and Mabel L. Tilley, all of Sistersville.

The Kentucky Oil & Gas Products Company of Huntington; chief works, State of Kentucky; authorized capital, \$32,000; incorporators: A. B. Brode, Charles E. Doshier, Frederick A. Pitch, of Huntington; Robert Wallace of Pocahontas, Va., and Percy J. McElrath of Bramwell.

The Locomotive Oil & Gas Company of Logan; chief works, Wyoming county; authorized capital, \$10,000; incorporators: James P. Jones, J. A. Washington, Don Chaffin, S. B. Browning, Alec Rose, A. C. McCaughy and R. L. Shrewsbury, all of Logan.

Clarksburg Toboggan Company, of Clarksburg; authorized capital, \$15,000; incorporators: F. E. Highland, H. F. Burke, Edmond Denham, all of Clarksburg; and L. A. Seaman, of Leesdale, Pa.

NEW BOARD

Is to Be Established to Handle the Food Problem in the City of Berlin.

LONDON, May 23.—Advices from Berlin say that it is officially announced there that the federal council has authorized the imperial chancellor to establish a new board which will handle the entire food problem and be directly responsible to him.

The president of this board will be empowered to dispose of all foodstuffs, raw materials and other articles necessary to the supplying of food, all fodder and material necessary for the feeding of animals, which are stocked within the German empire.

RIVAL

For the Presidency of the Federation of Women's Clubs Are Quite Busy.

NEW YORK, May 23.—The busiest of several thousand women here to attend the thirteenth biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs are the rival candidates for the presidency, Mrs. Samuel B. Smith, of Tulsa, Ok., and Mrs. Enslah Evans Cowles, of Los Angeles, Calif., and their campaign workers.

The election will take place on May 31, and the delegates from Ohio and California will devote the next week to electioneering.

CHURCH SITES

Are Being Viewed by the Bishop on His Visit to the City.

The Right Rev. P. J. Donahue, of Wheeling, venerable bishop of the diocese of the Catholic church for this state, was busy engaged Tuesday viewing sites for an edifice for Italian Catholics in this section. The latter are enthusiastic in the movement and the bishop is looking with much favor on the proposition. What decision, if any, has been made, has not been made public. The bishop is in his usual good health, Clarksburgers generally are glad to know, and he is in fine spirits.

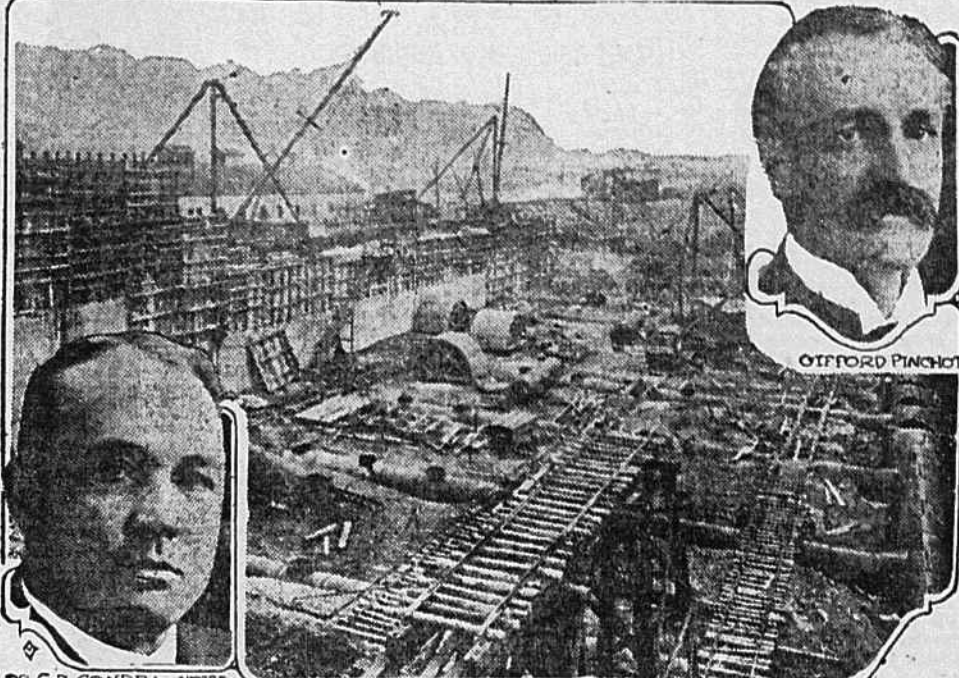
EUGENE ROLLAND IS RECOMMENDED

Along with Sixteen Other West Virginians for Places in Chicago Convention.

Seventeen West Virginians have been recommended for appointment as assistant sergeant-at-arms, doorkeepers, ticket takers, etc., at the Republican national convention to be held at Chicago, by National Committeeman Virgil L. Highland, of Clarksburg, and Mr. Highland is advised that they will be appointed by Colonel William F. Stone, sergeant-at-arms of the Republican national committee. Some of these men have served at previous national conventions in similar capacities. One of them, Phil Walters, a well known and eloquent colored leader of Charleston, has served at every national convention as doorkeeper since the convention in 1888 which nominated Benjamin Harrison.

The men recommended by Mr. Highland are Charles H. Henning, of

CONSERVATION CONGRESS STANDS FOR DEVELOPMENT



DR. GE. CONDRA, NEW PRESIDENT, NATIONAL CONSERVATION CONGRESS - WATER POWER DAM IN CONSTRUCTION

WASHINGTON (Special).—Private industrial development of the great water power resources of the United States was emphatically endorsed by the National Conservation Congress, which has just come to a close in this city. After a stormy three hours' debate, the Congress, the great conservation body of the country, recorded its official approval of this principle by a vote of three to one.

The spectacular feature of the fight was the turning down of Gifford Pinchot by the Conservation Congress, of whose executive committee he was a member. Pinchot charged that the Congress was packed and was met with the declaration that his charge was an insult to every governor, mayor and chamber of commerce president, who had been invited to appoint the delegates which made up the meeting. The result of the debate—the endorsement of the Shields and Myers water power bills—is taken by the members to mean that the big conservation body had grown tired of a tying-up of the country's resources and was ready and anxious to put itself on record on these specific

legislative measures providing for development of resources.

The development of water power, which conservationists recognize as the greatest natural resource the country has, has been brought almost to stagnation by the failure of legislation looking to its development. Business men with capital have stood ready to start on the hazardous undertaking of harnessing great rivers in order to provide cheaper power and light, as well as cheaper fertilizers for the farmer and a greater supply of explosives for our army and navy, through the new process of taking nitrogen from the air by means of water power. They have been met with the cry of "trust" and "monopoly," until, as business men, they were almost ready to abandon their efforts. The action of the Conservation Congress, however, in placing its stamp of approval on a plan to permit private industry to go ahead and develop water powers, under a limited franchise and carefully governed restrictions, is regarded as the most important step to water power conservation that has been made in recent years.

Such men as Hugh L. Cooper, the engineer of international reputation

who built the Keokuk dam as well as big water power plants at Niagara and on the Susquehanna River, have been prominent in the power fight. The President and members of his Cabinet and members of Congress, without regard to political affiliations, have been advocating strongly the necessity of legislative action in the development of this wonderful resource. Almost every other nation of any size, it has been pointed out, is ahead of America in the use of water power. This fact, it is said, coupled with the growing demand of the people of the United States that something be done so that the country can utilize, as well as conserve, this vast resource, is regarded as the basis of the decisive action by the Conservation Congress.

The meeting was made up of prominent experts in both federal and state governments, senators and representatives and prominent men from practically every state in the Union. Dr. Henry S. Drinker, president of Lehigh University, was chairman of the committee on resolutions, which included a governor of a state, several senators, and other men of affairs from forty-two states.

The question was asked: "What has Jesus Christ thought of this conference?" They were all of one mind. It had been a time of fellowship and real blessing. They realized clearly, however, that the One who had been with them throughout now looked to them to transfer into service that which they had received.

The national organization shares in the establishment and development of the movement in other countries, particularly mission lands. It provides secretaries of training by securing their support either from individuals or associations in this country and by contributions to the general work.

The primary purpose is always to prepare the women of the country for leadership. The foreign secretary's work is measured not by what she does, but by what she makes it possible for the women to do for themselves. Forty-seven secretaries have gone out from the United States to participate in foreign Young Woman's Christian Association work. The secretaries in which the world's Young Woman's Christian Association work is now being carried on are North, South, West and British East Africa, Canada, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, China, India, Burma, Ceylon, Straits Settlements, Japan, Turkey in Asia, Australia, New Zealand, Austria, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Malta, Norway and Sweden, Portugal, Russia, Belgium, Turkey and Bulgaria.

Miss Otto Yates is spending several days in Clarksburg visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Berry.

"Safety-First" Exhibit Is Showing Old Relics

Even the "Tom Thumb" of 1830, First Used on Baltimore and Ohio Is There.

NEW YORK, May 23.—Practically every device adopted in recent years for the safety of passengers and employees is exhibited by the Baltimore and Ohio railroad in the "safety first" exposition which is being held in the Grand Central Palace this week.

In many particulars, the exhibit made by America's first railroad is the most unique ever seen here. Beginning with the early days when the equipment of the company was drawn by horses, tracing the development through the period when crude, diminutive locomotives and quaint, old-fashioned cars were used to haul passengers and freight, the visitor is afforded an idea of modern railroad equipment and methods of operation through working models, specimens of roadbeds, various appliances used to protect the public and employees and a comprehensive series of photographs setting forth the emphasis of the management with respect to "safety first."

Among the old engines exhibited are the "Tom Thumb" of 1830, the first used on the Baltimore and Ohio;

LARGE MEXICAN ARMY IS MOVING

STATE

Birthday Celebration June 20 Is Indorsed by Ministers of Parkersburg.

PARKERSBURG, May 23.—The Parkersburg Ministerial Alliance at a regular meeting has formally indorsed the movement for a state-wide celebration of West Virginia's fifty-third birthday on June 20. The resolutions were in the following form:

"Resolved, That the Parkersburg Ministerial Alliance hereby endorses a state-wide celebration of the fifty-third birthday of the state on June 20, 1916.

Resolved, further, That the Parkersburg Ministerial Alliance approves the plan of the West Virginia Board of Trade to hold fifty-three or more simultaneous celebrations at fifty-three or more points in the state on June 20 to the end that in one day the thought of every man, woman and child may be lifted up to a realization that all depend upon the resources of this young state; and that service is the test of our value to the state.

Resolved, finally, That the Parkersburg Ministerial Alliance invites the members of the clergy of all denominations throughout the state to set before their congregation on June 11 the call of West Virginia to her children to use wisely, reverentially and enthusiastically the opportunities that a kindly Providence has placed under our care.

SERIOUS CHARGES

Preferred against John Miller, Jr., by Nicolò Minnesola, an Italian.

John Miller, Jr., is a prisoner in the county jail awaiting a hearing before Magistrate Jackson V. Carter on three warrants, charging him with arson, horse stealing and assault and battery. He was arrested Monday night by Constable Ruben J. Bartlett and Deputy Sheriff Laco M. Wolfe.

The warrants which Miller were arrested on were sworn out by Nicolò Minnesola, an Italian resident of Glen Elk No. 2, who claims that on last Friday night Miller assaulted him and tried to borrow \$5 when he refused he alleges Miller assaulted and beat him and then set fire to his home and stable, both of which were burned to the ground and later went to a nearby field where had his horse on pasture and stole the horse and rode away.

Officers had been searching for him since but were unable to locate him until last night.

WAIVES EXAMINATION.

D. M. Morris, arrested recently under a charge of violating the prohibition law by carrying whiskey to South Third street, waived examination Monday night before Magistrate C. L. Watkins, of Shinnston, in Magistrate Jackson V. Carter's court here and was held for the grand jury under the usual bonds, which he furnished.

CASE IS CONTINUED.

At the instance of the prosecuting attorney, the case of Jennings McCune, arrested recently under a charge of bootlegging, was continued for two weeks Monday night by Magistrate C. L. Watkins, of Shinnston, sitting in Magistrate Jackson V. Carter's court here.

Carranza Sends 30,000 Troops on Expedition to Exterminate Bandits.

MOVEMENT IS IN PROGRESS

Columns Are Routed North on Account of the Railway Strike.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The Carranza government has ordered 30,000 troops into the region south of the border to exterminate bandits, according to information received today at the state department. General Obregon's original orders issued after his conference at El Paso with Generals Scott and Punston assigned 10,000 men to General Trevino to thoroughly police the territory south of the American expedition.

The new troop movements are already in progress through Chihuahua, the department advises state. The columns are routed north via Saltillo, for the most part as the railway strike has interfered with the movement of troop trains over other lines.

SUFFRAGE

For Women is Almost Unanimously Adopted by Methodist Conference.

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., May 23.—A protracted debate over the management of the Methodist book concern was expected at today's session of the general conference, following the submission of a committee report recommending the continuance of all periodicals now published under church auspices.

The Rev. Alexander B. Camphor, of Birmingham, Ala., was elected negro missionary bishop for Liberia, Africa.

On the motion of Federal Judge Henry W. Rogers, of New Haven, Conn., a resolution was adopted and adopted endorsing woman suffrage. Only six delegates voted in opposition.

M'CANN FUNERAL

Services Will Be Held at Glover Stop, Wetzel County, Thursday Afternoon.

Funeral services over the body of Mrs. Millie Jane McCann, aged 43 years, wife of J. E. McCann, of Rosebud, who died at her home there Monday afternoon following a lingering illness of cancer, will be held Thursday afternoon at the home of her mother, Mrs. Sarah Critchfield, at Glover's Gap, Wetzel county, and the interment will be in the cemetery there.

The funeral party will leave the home at Rosebud Wednesday morning and come to on the Short Line train. At Erie they will board a special traction car and go to Fairmont where they will take a train to Glover's Gap.

Surviving relatives of the deceased woman are Mrs. Sarah H. Critchfield, her mother; J. E. McCann, her husband; and Mrs. William Russell, of Mt. Clare; Mrs. D. G. Robinson, of Gypsy; and Mrs. W. M. Harmon, of Dolan, and Maria Virginia McCann, at home, daughters; and John L. McCann, at home, a son.

NEW NOTE

Of the United States to Great Britain is Cabled to City of London.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—President Wilson sent to the state department Tuesday the completed draft of the new note to Great Britain protesting against interference with American mails. It was not laid before the cabinet but its general terms were explained. The note will be cabled to London immediately and it is understood a duplicate will go to the French government.

KILLS EQUAL SUFFRAGE

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The House struck from the Porto Rican bill today by a vote of 80 to 59 an amendment designed to grant woman suffrage to the islands. The bill then passed without roll call virtually as introduced.

FORT IS FIRM.

BERLIN, May 23.—Announcement was made by the war office today that in the fighting north of Verdun the French have taken some first line positions of the Germans, but that Fort Douaumont remains firmly in German hands.